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SUBJECT:LOS: SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

REF: TOKYO 8975 (NOTAL)

1. AT RECENT GROUP OF FIVE MEETING IN TOKYO, MEMBERS AGREED TO HOLD ANOTHER MEETING IN GENEVA IN AUGUST TO DISCUSS MARINE POLLUTION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ISSUES. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO PREPARE FOR THE GROUP OF 17 MEETING WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN GENEVA AUGUST 21 AND 22 (ON MARINE POLLUTION) AND EVENSEN GROUP FROM AUGUST 25 TO SEPTEMBER 6, ALSO IN GENEVA, ON MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND MARINE POLLUTION. IT WAS ALSO AGREED AT TOKYO MEETING THAT MEMBERS OF GROUP OF FIVE WOULD PREPARE SPECIFIC AMENDMENTS TO SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT ON THESE ISSUES AND WOULD CIRCULATE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP BY FIRST OF AUGUST. PURPOSE WOULD BE TO DEVELOP COORDINATED POSITIONS IF POSSIBLE FOR USE IN MEETINGS OF GROUP OF 17 AND EVENSEN GROUP. UK EMB HERE HAS INDICATED THAT HMG DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT A FURTHER MEETING OF GROUP OF FIVE IS ESSENTIAL AT THIS STAGE BUT WOULD BE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE AT EXPERT LEVEL IF US ATTACHES IMPORTANCE TO HOLDING MEETING AND IF OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP ATTEND. WE

CONSIDER THAT A MEETING OF GROUP OF FIVE IS DESIRABLE IN ORDER TO REVIEW WRITTEN AMENDMENTS WHICH ARE BEING PREPARED AND TO TRY TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THEM. WE THEREFORE PROPOSE THAT GROUP OF FIVE MEETING BE HELD IN GENEVA AUGUST 19 AND 20 AT US MISSION. ADDRESSEE POSTS (PARIS, LONDON, MOSCOW AND TOKYO) SHOULD EXTEND THIS INVITATION TO HOST GOVERNMENT.

2. FOR LONDON: YOU SHOULD INDICATE TO UK OFFICIALS THAT WE ARE AWARE OF UK VIEW THAT AUGUST GROUP OF FIVE MEETING IS NOT NECESSARY BUT, ON REFLECTION, HAVE CONCLUDED THAT DETAILED REVIEW OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT ON COMMITTEE III ISSUES IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE PRIOR TO EVENSEN GROUP MEETING AND MEETING PROVIDES BEST FORUM FOR THIS REVIEW.

3. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING UK PLANS FOR GROUP OF 17 MEETING IN GENEVA WHICH UK IS ARRANGING.
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WE HAVE RAISED ISSUE WITH UK EMB HERE AND HE INDICATED HMG PLANNING TO CIRCULATE PAPER, BUT HAD NO FURTHER DETAILS. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR MEMBER OF US LOS DEL, TERRY LEITZELL, OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ADVISER, DEPT OF STATE, TO MEET WITH UK OFFICIALS PRIOR TO MEETING OF GROUP OF 17 TO DISCUSS UK PLANNING. ACCORDINGLY, WE HOPE TO HAVE MR. LEITZELL VISIT LONDON PRIOR TO GENEVA MEETING. WE HAVE INFORMED UK EMB HERE OF OUR INTEREST IN SUCH CONSULTATIONS AND HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT UK OFFICIALS BURBRIDGE AND SIMMS WOULD BE AVAILABLE.

4. FOR MOSCOW: AT TOKYO MEETING OF GROUP OF FIVE, SOVIETS INDICATED TO US DEL DESIRE TO CONSULT WITH US BILATERALLY

PRIOR TO ANY GROUP OF FIVE MEETING. US DEL AGREED TO THIS PROPOSAL AND ACCORDINGLY WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND INVITATION TO SOVIETS TO MEET WITH US LOS DEL FOR BILATERAL TALKS IN GENEVA ON MONDAY, AUGUST 18 AT US MISSION. PLEASE ADVISE IF DATE IS ACCEPTABLE.

5. FOR US MISSION GENEVA: AS NOTED ABOVE IN ADDITION TO SOVIET BILATERALS AND GROUP OF FIVE MEETINGS, THERE WILL BE GROUP OF 17 MEETING IN GENEVA AUGUST 21 AND 22, WITH ARRANGEMENT BEING MADE BY UK, AND EVENSEN GROUP MEETING AUGUST 25 TO SEPT 5 WITH ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE BY NORWEGIANS. COMPOSITION OF US DEL TO THESE MEETINGS NOT YET DETERMINED. WE HOPE MISSION COULD MAKE AVAILABLE CONFERENCE ROOM FOR AUGUST 18-20. MEETING ON AUGUST 18 WILL PROBABLY INCLUDE TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY 10 PERSONS. GROUP OF FIVE MEETING ON 19 AND 20 WOULD INVOLVE OVER 20. MISSION IS ALSO REQUESTED TO MAKE AVAILABLE SUITABLE OFFICE SPACE AT MISSION FOR PERIOD AUGUST 18-SEPT 6. KISSINGER

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